

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 1 December 2020
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:45pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, Eric Stange, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes reviewed from November 3, 2020 meeting and approved with edits. The minutes from October were also reviewed and a motion was made to approve with changes.
4. Communications Received:
 - a. Message Peter Martin from 30 Addison Street regarding plans for new window installation.
 - b. 68-74 Franklin Street request to replace windows along the front. The whole condo association has agreed to do the same change to the windows.
 - c. Solar panel installation requests for houses on Appleton Street and Kensington Street.
 - d. 53 North Union Street to replace porch. Looking for guidance in process.
 - e. Sign off sent to the Building Department for 22 Cherokee Road. This property is not on the Inventory.
5. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Schaefer)- No report.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- No report.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- No report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- No report.
 - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) –No report.

Historical Commission FY 2021 Budget- Nothing to report.

6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - c. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - d. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 – Nothing to report.
 - e. 21 Teel Street 12/18 – Nothing to report.
 - f. 44 Kensington Road 5/19 Stange- Exterior work is done.
 - g. 151 Warren Street 11/19 Stange- Work completed.
 - h. 71 Park Avenue 6/20 Stange- Nothing to report.

- i. 20 Bartlett Avenue 6/20 Schaefer- Work is complete.
- j. 18 Churchill Avenue 6/20 Robinson/Stange- Plan to stop by to see progress. The siding was not specified in the motion. JoAnn did meet with the owner to talk about the siding and match as close as possible to the original.
- k. 7 Village Lane 8/20 Robinson/Gervais- Continued Hearing tonight.
- l. 45 Bartlett Avenue 9/20 Gervais- Work is complete. Remarkable job.
- m. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Robinson/Schaefer- Met with the builder and the owners to look at the front of the house. The Zoning Board has approved the extension of the porch. Interior work is planned for the winter and exterior work to start in warmer weather. The basement will have an eight-foot high ceiling. Plan to return when more of the siding has been removed and see if there used to be a skirt board half way up the house. JoAnn Robinson will contact Michael Ciampa at Inspectional Services regarding the porch extension and whether a letter of support is required from the Commission.
- n. 476 Massachusetts Avenue 9/20- Nothing to report.
- o. 3 Robin Hood Road 9/20 Gervais- The garage is complete.
- p. 478 Massachusetts Avenue (sign) 9/20 Robinson-
- q. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Robinson/Schaefer- Monitors want to set up a meeting with owners.
- r. 476 Massachusetts Avenue 9/20
- s. 18 Claremont Avenue 10/20 Robinson- Commissioner Stange met with Lael Smith to take photographs of the interior and found that not much of the original remained. No photos were taken. Plan to use part of the land for a garden at some point following the demolition.

It was determined that the work is complete for the following projects and a monitor is no longer required: 20 Bartlett Avenue, 3 Robin Hood Road, and 45 Bartlett Road, 44 Kensington Road and 151 Warren Street.

7. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- Nothing to report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –No report
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – No report.
- d. Historic House Markers: House Marker application was reviewed for 8 Ravine Street in the Jason/Gray Historic District. The approval for the sign was made at the September 1, 2020 Meeting. Wording on the sign to be determined.
- e. Town Hall: No report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

8. Discussions and Hearings:

8:00pm – 7 Village Lane (continued Hearing) with Tim McCann. The following topics being considered: replacement of glass door and review of the mullions that will be added to the windows that have been installed.

Proposed Door: Fiber Classic Mahogany Collection from ThermaTru Doors. Autumn Harvest color was chosen. The configuration for full glass door and full sidelights is preferred.

Proposed Mullions for Windows: Looking to install mullions with a ¼ of an inch profile. (After Market Mullions)

Commissioner Gervais made a motion to approve the plans as presented for 7 Village Lane for an outer front door with full glass and full sidelights with Autumn Harvest color to match window trim.

Four Commissioners voted in favor of the motion and one Commissioner abstained due to being a neighbor.

8:20pm- 18 Robin Hood Road (Informal Hearing) with owner, Mr Joe Alouia. Plan is to build a detached garage on the Parker Road side of this corner lot with the entrance at Parker Road.

Elevations shared for proposed garage along with current pictures of the house.

The Commission does not have jurisdiction over the plans for the garage due to this being a new construction. We can review the plans informally and as a courtesy we can write a letter of support regarding the plans for the new construction. The garage will have the same roofline and design of the house.

Motion made to write a letter of support for the new construction.

All Commissioners voted in favor of writing the letter of support.

New Business: A new sign was installed at Acitron Restaurant on Massachusetts Avenue. They did not come before the Commission for approval. JoAnn Robinson will be in touch with Ali Carter regarding this matter.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 8:50pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be January 5, 2021 for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.